

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer Bush on 3/25/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 9, line 9, after parameter; add -- **in response to receiving user input hovering the graphical pointer over the drag region and dragging the graphical pointer in a second direction, dynamically decrementing the value of the parameter; --**.

In claim 14, lines 5, after controls, add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 14, line 8, delete "**dynamically**" and add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 19, line 7, after configured to add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 19, line 9, delete "**dynamically**" and add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 24, line 6, after configured to add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 24, line 8, delete "**dynamically**" and add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 29, line 5, after means for add --**simultaneously**--.

In claim 29, line 7, after means for add --**simultaneously**--.

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-30 are allowable since certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art. In claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 16, 21, and 26, **"in response to receiving user input positioning a graphical pointer within the text box, clicking, and keying in a value, changing the value of the parameter; in response to receiving user input placing the graphical pointer within the drag region, clicking, and dragging the graphical pointer in a first direction, dynamically incrementing the value of the parameter; in response to receiving user input placing the graphical pointer within the drag region, clicking, and dragging the graphical pointer in a second direction, dynamically decrementing the value of the parameter"**. In claims 7, 17, 22 and 27, **"in response to receiving user input positioning a graphical pointer within the text box, clicking, and keying in a value, changing the value of the parameter; in response to receiving user input placing the graphical pointer within the drag region, clicking, and dragging the graphical pointer along a first axis, dynamically changing the value of the parameter; and in response to receiving user input placing the graphical pointer within the drag region, clicking, and dragging the graphical pointer along a second axis"**. In claim 9, **"in response to receiving user input hovering a graphical pointer over the text box and keying in a value, changing the value of the parameter; in response to receiving user input hovering the graphical pointer over the drag region and dragging the graphical pointer in a first direction, dynamically incrementing the value of the parameter; in response to receiving user input hovering the graphical pointer over the drag region and dragging the graphical pointer in a second direction, dynamically decrementing the value of the parameter"**. In claims 14, 19, 24 and 29, **"in response to receiving user selection of at least two controls, simultaneously activating the at least two controls; in response to receiving user input dragging one of the at least two controls, simultaneously changing the parameter values corresponding to the at least two controls"**. The closest prior art of record however singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICARDO L. OSORIO whose telephone number is (571) 272-7676. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY 7:00 am-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, AMARE MENGISTU can be reached on (571) 272-7674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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